

REMARKS

A review of the claims indicates that:

- A) Claims 7, 20, 24, 26—30 and 34 remain in their original form;
- B) Claims 1—6, 8, 13—19, 21—23 and 33 are currently amended;
- C) Claims 9—12, 25 and 31—32 are currently withdrawn.

Restriction/Election Requirement

The Office Action dated 02/24/2004 requires Applicant to elect one group selected from among Groups I through III.

- I) Claims 1—8, 13—14, 23—24, 26—30 and 33—34.
- II) Claims 9—12, 15—22 and 25.
- III) Claims 31—32.

The Applicant hereby elects Group I, without traverse, which includes claims 1—8, 13—14, 23—24, 26—30 and 33—34.

Claims 15—22 belong in Group I

The Applicant notes that claims 15—22, as filed, contained drafting errors. The Applicant believes that the original intent of the drafting attorney of this application was that claims 15—22 would be dependent claims depending from claim 13.

We can see that claims 15—22 should depend from claim 13 because, in their current state, these claims are replete with antecedent basis errors. Note that claims 15—17 each refer to “the specification.” This is an obvious reference to “a specification,” which is recited in the first paragraph following the preamble of claim 13.

1 There is additional evidence that claims 15—17 were intended to be dependent
2 claim 13. Claims 15—17 each refer to “a computerized method for image editing”, as
3 does claim 13. Thus, claims 15—17 simply omitted the phrase “of claim 13”.
4 Accordingly, this omission has been corrected by amendment.

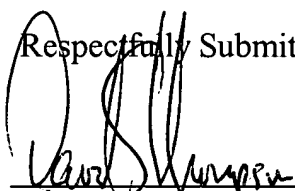
5 Claims 15—17 now depend from claim 13, in a manner consistent with the
6 original intent. Because claim 13 is in Group I, and because claims 15—22 depend,
7 directly or indirectly from claim 13, it would be proper for claims 15—22 to be
8 considered for examination purposes as part of Group I.

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10 **Conclusion**

11 The Applicant has elected Group I, without traverse. Claims 15—22 have been
12 amended to depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 13, which is a member of Group I.
13 Dependency from claim 13 is the only logical interpretation of claims 15—22.
14 Accordingly, claims 15—22 are correctly contained in Group I.

15 The Examiner is urged to accept claims 15—22 into Group I, or to contact the
16 undersigned attorney if any issues remain unresolved by this Response.

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